



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL
SITTING AS THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE DOWNTOWN
FOUNDATION**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2004

The regular meeting of the City Council, also sitting as the Redevelopment Agency, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem/RDA Board Member in the Council Chambers at 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, Cathedral City, California, on May 26, 2004 at 3:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Member/RDA Board Member DeRosa, Marchand, England,
Mayor Pro Tem/RDA Board Member Pettis

Absent: Mayor/RDA Chairman Stettler

Council Member Marchand moved to excuse Mayor/RDA Chairman Stettler, motion seconded by Council Member DeRosa, motion carried 4-0.

The Regular meeting began at 6:40 p.m. and was opened by Mayor/RDA Chairman Stettler. Council Member/RDA Board Member Marchand led the invocation, followed by The Flag Salute led by Council Member/RDA Board Member England.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis noted that there would be a consideration of the Downtown Foundation Budget during this meeting. He asked the City Clerk to take the roll for the Downtown Foundation, wherein the attendance was the same as recorded for the afternoon session, with Mayor Stettler being absent, the absence was excused without exception.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

1. WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Subd. (b)
Number of Potential Cases: 4
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Donald Bradley, City Manager
Represented Employees: 1) Cathedral City Firefighters Association (CCFFA); 2) Cathedral City Police Officers' Association (CCPOA); and 3) Cathedral City

Public Safety Management Association
(CCPSMA);

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Subd. (k):
Case Name: Glenn Haas, Jeff Miller, Brian Hirzel and Cathedral City Police Officers Association vs. Cathedral City; Cathedral City Police Department; Stan Henry, Chief of Police; John Holcomb, Captain; Gregory J. Savelli, Lieutenant; Sandra Hatfield, Dispatch Supervisor, et al.
Case No.: United States District Court, Central District of California Case No. EDCV 02-965
4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Subd. (k):
Case Name: Scott Sharpe, Mark Fields, Rudy Salinas, Jay Horn, Karl Murashima, Owen Krings, Brian Hirzel, Albert Ruiz, Steve Williams, Paul Reindel, Glenn Haas, Nick Chapman, Gabriel Mendoza, Kelly Nava, Danny Anes, Dane Dickson, Mark Novy, Larry San Filipo, Jeremy Herrick, Ernie Vasquez, Tom Ferguson, Jon Enos, John Fox, Andy Diaz, Albert Ochoa, Dewayne Hodge vs. City of Cathedral City, a municipal corporation; Stan Henry, Chief of Police; Captain John Holcomb, Captain Kevin Conner and Lieutenant Al Reshaw in their individual capacity, and DOES 1 through 10, Inclusive
Case No.: United States District Court, Central District of California Case No. CV 04 02931 (VBKx)[Class Action] Complaint for Damages and Injunctive Relief Demand for Jury Trial
5. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Paul Shillcock**)
Property Location: East of Van Fleet Avenue, South of East Palm Canyon Drive; APN #'s 687-207-005 (Sousa) and 687-223-016 (Sanchez)
Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency and BCN Developments, Inc.
Property Owners: Martin Sousa, et al; Jorge & Maria Sanchez
Under Negotiation: Disposition of Property
6. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Keith Scott**)
Property Location: 68510 East Palm Canyon Drive
APN# 687-475-003
Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency and Desert Academy of the Arts Foundation.
Property Owners: Redevelopment Agency
Under Negotiation: Property Negotiation

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7. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Warren Bradshaw**)
Property Location: 68783 Grove Street, APN# 687-221-005
68780 B Street, APN# 687-221-006
Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency and Sam and Vickie Stickles
Property Owners: Sam and Vickie Stickles
Under Negotiation: Acquisition of Property
8. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Warren Bradshaw**)
Property Location: 68764 C Street, APN# 687-223-004
Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency and Ramon Lara (De Oro Realty)
Property Owners: Ernesto Islas Contreras
Under Negotiation: Acquisition of Property

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy City Attorney Green advised there were no announcements out of Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Cohen – Cathedral City. Mr. Cohen made a plea for more participation on the Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.S), and offered T-Shirts for sale in order to support the COPS and their projects.

Greg Wettmore – Rancho Mirage. Mr. Wettmore is the Cathedral City Chamber of Commerce President and CEO. He advise that the sale Safe & Sane Fireworks will begin Monday May 28th and continue thru the 4th of July. He needs volunteers for the 4th. He also reminded everyone of the breakfast on July 7th and the mixer on July 21st.

Dan Cover – Desert Hot Springs. He works for the Cathedral City Senior Center. Mr. Cover advised that their Fashion Show in May was a great event, they had a lot of Silent Auction items. Also the Rummage sale June 5 & 6 were very successful and he wanted to thank Don & April Bradley, Deanna Pressgrove, and Earl Moss for their help. The Senior Center made a lot of money. He reminded everyone that the Senior Center Fire Works stand would be at Food 4 Less parking lot, and that community support was essential to their success.

Sharon Crane – Cathedral City Ms. Crane was unhappy with the traffic and parked cars on San Eljay which is a two lane street. She suggested making a park there so they don't have all those cars parked there.

Sonja Marchand – Cathedral City. Ms. Marchand advised that she had obtained some figures from John Wolmouth of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments that have to do with the Operating Budgets of the surrounding valley cities. Ms. Marchand calculated the available expenditures per capita for each of the following cities: Indian Wells –

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population 4,400, budget \$9,212,000, per capita \$2,093.64, Indio population 54,500, budget \$26,701,146, per capita \$489.93, La Quinta population 30,450, budget \$24,400,633, per capita \$802.65, Palm Desert population 43,900, budget \$35,323,737, per capita \$827.42 Palm Springs population 44,000, budget \$42,591,099, per capita \$990.71, Rancho Mirage population 14,950, budget \$18,100,000, per capita \$1,210.72. Ms. Marchand indicated that Cathedral City has no Community Services District, nor does it have a utility tax. "we are one of the fastest growing cities in the valley and we are very efficient.

Alibaba Farzaneh – Rancho Mirage. The developer Tri-Millennium and he were going to give \$22,000 up to \$24,000 for maintaining the 2nd Street Park for one year starting in September.

Shilo Herrling – Cathedral City – Mr. Herrling told us about the new Neighborhood Watch Group on Hermosillo, they had their first meeting two weeks ago. He handed out flyers to 100 homes, had about 40 people to the first meeting and 20 people to the second meeting. The next meeting is July 7th.

Bill Proctor – Cathedral City. . Proctor asked "what is going on out front?" "We were told this complex had created new jobs and would be open the first of July, but it is obviously not ready, and not going to open."

Chuck Vasquez – Cathedral City Co-Chair of the 35th Avenue Neighborhood Watch advised that there was a very successful meeting at the new Hermosillo Neighborhood Watch and there was a new group forming at Park David.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, seeing no one else wishing to speak, closed Public Comments.

AGENDA FINALIZATION

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis advised there would be no action taken on Item 4 or Item 7 this evening.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Marchand advised that Item 6 on the Closed Session Agenda was pulled and that the item does involve an Arts Center in the IMAX center, and needs to go to the Public Arts Commission before it comes back to Council.

Council Member DeRosa thanked the Swim Team for the picture. She attended the United Way Breakfast and that FIND and the Boys and Girls Club got nice donations.

Council Member England gave a report on our City participating in a program of the IRS to help citizens obtain the Earned Income Credit due them. This program was a success in that of the 70 tax returns processed \$98,000 savings for the 70 residents. This is the first year of this program, and we will definitely bring it back next year as an offer to our residents. He also noted that our new Ice Skating Rink will have a soft opening next week-

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end, and a Grand Opening over the 4th of July.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis reminded everyone about the Concerts In the Square and also that there was a Special City Council meeting on Wednesday the 30th of June for the Lighting and Landscaping proposed Districts for Panorama neighborhood, and the Century Park Neighborhood. Meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Approval/Correction of minutes from the Special Closed Session meeting held on Wednesday, June 2, 2004. Council Member England moved approval, motion seconded by Council Member DeRosa, motion carried 3-0-1 with Mr. Marchand abstaining due to his non-participation on the item in Closed Session due to a conflict.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- None

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Marchand moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda, motion seconded by Council Member England, motion carried 4-0.

1. Accepted and filed the City of Cathedral City's investment policy **by Minute Order # 3717 and Minute Order #R-993.**
2. Approved the reappointment of Mr. Ted Barnes to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission for a full three-year term beginning June 30, 2004 **by Minute Order #3718**
3. Authorized the city to enter into an agreement with the City of Rancho Mirage for the Maintenance of the Gerald Ford Drive and DaVall Drive Landscaped Median Islands along the frontage of Tract 92771 **by Minute Order # 3719.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4, Municipal Code amendment 03-02: A request to adopt an inclusionary housing ordinance establishing procedures and requirements for the provision of affordable housing units.

Council Member DeRosa gave a brief report and thanked Council Member England, Gene Touchett and all of the members who have served on this committee, she advised that they had presented a report to the Council and would like this to come back to study session next meeting, and then to the first meeting in August. Council Member Marchand so moved, motion seconded by Council Member England, motion carried 4-0 **by Minute Order # 3720.**

5. Tentative Parcel Map 32303: A request to subdivide an approximately 1.7 acre parcel into 2 lots, located on the north side of Ramon Road, at the terminus of Cathedral Canyon Drive, in the Planned Community Commercial (PCC) Zone

There was a brief report by Deputy City Manager, who answered several questions from Council. She advised that any proposed changes would come back to City Council.

Public Comments opened and closed without comments.

Council Member Marchand moved adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-57**, motion seconded by Council Member England, motion carried 4-0.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION(S)

6. Consideration and approval of the proposed operating budgets for the City of Cathedral City, the Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency and the Downtown Foundation for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.

Report by Finance Director Tami Scott. She advised they had developed the budget directly from our system, and have attempted to consolidate items to be consistent. This is the first time in many years we have a two year budget – to try to give a better snapshot where we will be in a year from now. Property taxes, sales taxes, what is happening in state, all affect this process. We have an estimated 2.4 million dollar deficit for 04/05 and an estimated 2.6 million dollar deficit for 05/06. Any questions, doubts, changes, have been resolved. This is the recommendation that the deficit to be balanced from our unreserved General Fund. This will bring down the reserve to 7.1 million next April. Because the budget is such a laborious job, in April next year we won't have to go through this process all over again, but just bring forward to you were we are at that time, and what might happen in the 05/06 year.

Council Member Marchand said the budget format was new to all of us. As the "new kid" on the block he is sorry we have to deficit spend, but you have presented the document in a way that helps us to understand, even if we are not numbers driven. In past years we have not quite been as clear about where the money comes from, this is a very lean budget. Measure J CSD failed five years ago. Then the Blue Ribbon Commission that reviewed the budget, asked that we not cut services. Two years ago, we addressed the budget with the community, with a recommendation of a utility tax, and this measure was soundly defeated by the voters. We had to cut 2.5 million dollars from the budget. The vote of the Council was 5-0. I don't like the figures but it is a document we can understand, thanks to you and your staff for the hard work that has been done.

Council Member England said “well you can’t say more than that”, we need more efforts to bring businesses to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis opened the floor to Public Comments.

Robert Marchand – Cathedral City. Our city needs revenue enhancement. I urge revenue enhancement.

Chuck Vasquez - Cathedral City. This is the most credible budget document I have seen in 10 years of reviewing the budgets. Keep employee numbers stated in budget for review of past documents. I’m disappointed that we did not have a citizen budget committee. I’m stressed about having to deficit spend. Thanks to Tami and her staff on the job that they did.

Walt McLaughlin – Cathedral City. I’ve reviewed the budget and it is an incredible document. The largest single increase is PERS 1.2 million and the cost of insurance by nearly 1 million while we have maintained the service level and are faced with costs beyond your control.

Council Member DeRosa says she disagrees with the need to keep 6-12 months in reserve. She has been critical of no plan, no goal setting. The 3 million lent to the RDA needs to be repaid to the General Fund. She would like to see goals and objectives – sets of activities and objectives developed. We need to review theses, not just keep them on paper and file them away. She advised Mr. Shillcock that she would like to see a comprehensive plan from him. She thanked Tami and her staff.

Ms. Scott advised that the objectives and plans listed for RDA should have been shared with Mr. Shillcock, as these were being worked on by both Economic Development and RDA.

Sonja Marchand – Cathedral City. She said that the city was in a difficult spot financially, we are not the only city in this situation. We shouldn’t think that we can spend down the reserves to 0, that we need to be very careful not to do this. She is watching Sacramento looking around for money. We need to have a rainy day fund.

Council Member Marchand moved adoption of the following resolutions with regard to the budgets, motion seconded by Council Member England, motion carried 4-0 to 1) Adopt **City Council Resolution No. 2004-58**, approving a budget for Fiscal Years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006; 2) Adopt **Redevelopment Agency Resolution No. R-383**, approving a budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and 2005-2006; 3) Adopt **City Council Resolution No. 2004-59** establishing the City’s appropriation limits for Fiscal Years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006; and 4) Adopt Downtown Foundation **Resolution No. DT2004-1**, approving a budget for the Fiscal Years of 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.

7. Receive report and recommendations regarding Honeywell International Downtown Energy Savings proposal.

Council Member DeRosa declared a perceived conflict and left the dais.

Donald Bradley, City Manager gave a short report wherein he stated that last November we joined with Honeywell to see if we could reduce some cost with energy savings. Honeywell will make a presentation tonight. Council Member Marchand asked Mr. Bradley if his recommendation was set in stone? (No verbal reply heard).

Doug Poffinbarger, Honeywell. He thanked Mr. Bradley for all of his help, and time. Tonight he wanted to clarify some of the goals. He advised that California prices are about 100% higher than rest of nation. Is this a good investment now? He thinks so. Prices have fallen over the past 25 years, but have increased in last 6-8 months. He also advised that California needs to have 20% renewable energy by 2017. He then presented a number of slides and charts for the balance of the report.

Council Member England commented that the City Hall bills of 2002 were \$174,876 and that we had reduced the cost by 9.4% and we were continuing to reduce costs. How much will we have to spend to save the money? Mr. Poffinbarger advised that the solar panels proposed to go on the IMAX was net metering, that during the daytime when we had sun, the meter would spin backwards and at night when there was no sun, the meter would move forward. Mr. England stated that this was no guarantee for us to avoid blackouts since the power generated goes directly to the grid. Mr. Poffinbarger advised that Honeywell got great pricing from the preferred vendors. Mr. England felt that this was unfair for them to state, because it was all about supply and demand. Are we getting our best bang for the buck?

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis opened the floor to Public Comments

Shilo Herrling – Cathedral City. Mr. Herrling asked if this also included the Honeywell Security end of the business?

Sonja Marchand – Cathedral City Ms. Marchand advise that she came to the Desert to retire, however, the College of the Desert found her and she has worked many hours since 1993 on alternative energy. She advised that she wrote the Operation Manual on the SunLine natural energy. She has been in the field for eleven years, and the Gas Company and SCE are going for a rate increase. Natural gas and coal are feed stocks. Anything we can do to get off fossil fuels, should be done. All that she wants to say is that this is a good opportunity, and we can get revenue by saving money.

Janet Malacowski – Cathedral City. She is sorry to say that she missed a good part of the presentation, and she is amazed that there isn't more solar energy

throughout California. Why aren't we fueling our cities, our autos, with solar energy?

Steve McHenry – Powerlight Energy. They develop solar energy projects. Major solar projects are in Los Angeles, San Diego, Colton, Anaheim, San Francisco and many counties. Also companies like Neturgina, Toyota, Johnson & Johnson. Warranties on solar are 25 years. Urges us to consider bottom line to save money.

Ron Legas – Honeywell (inaudible on tape) Honeywell Security is handled by his company. They never looked at security here as it is regulated. Midwest rates have doubled on natural gas. All companies shown on slides are energy projects, some may have a security portion to them.

Council Member Marchand wanted to thank the gentlemen for their presentation. There are additional issues we want to look at before next Council Meeting. Keep working with this Council to help us.

Action on this item is to bring back in two weeks to Study Session. No vote taken.

8. Approval of Waste Management of the Desert's request for a rate increase on commercial and residential accounts.

Paul Shillcock, Economic Development Manager gave a short report and referred to the staff report, rates being discussed are residential and there is a 7.92 annual increase this year. Increase approval needed now for implementation and placing on the tax rolls.

Deborah McGarry – Waste Management Ms. McGarry gave both input and answered questions. Increases are across the board to all communities. Break-down costs are: Disposal cost itself is .05, transfer station is .44 and CPI increase is .17 per month. She also answered about the billing due to the fact that the transfer station is not yet completed.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis opened the floor to Public Comments.

Shilo Herrling – Cathedral City. Mr. Herrling is in support of this increase, and is happy with garbage pickup at his home.

Janet Malakowski – Cathedral City. Do we have a contract the WM and how long is the contract?

Bill Cohen – Cathedral City. Mr. Cohen is very happy with WM and he puts his cans outside the garage and it is picked up. Do whatever it takes!

Alibaba Farzenah – Rancho Mirage In a new house in Rancho Mirage and because there are only a couple of houses, WM picks up his trash by pick-up truck. He is very happy with WM.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis closed Public Comments.

Council Member England moved approval of the rate increase, motion seconded by Council Member DeRosa, motion carried 3-1 **by Minute Order # 3722**. Mayor Pro Tem Pettis voted in the negative.

9. Authorization for the Finance Director to enter into an engagement agreement with Moreland and Associates, Inc. to perform the annual financial audit and produce financial statements for fiscal years 2003-2004 with an option to extend the term by up to two additional years.

Mayor Pro Tem felt no report was needed, the recommendation was to change the auditor. Current auditor has participated 7 years – new eyes, new ears, also the proposed auditor is the teacher of the software we are now using. They are located in Newport Beach.

Public Comments opened and closed without comment.

Council Member England moved approval, motion seconded by Council Member DeRosa, motion carried 3-1 **by Minute Order # 3723**. Council Member Marchand voted in the negative.

10. Proposed resolution of the City Council for the City of Cathedral City ordering final changes and modifications to Assessments for the 35th Avenue Street and Sewer Assessment District 2003-01.

Deputy city Manager Julie Baumer gave a brief report.

Public Comments opened and closed without comment.

Council Member England moved approval, motion seconded by Council Member DeRosa, motion carried 3-1 **by Resolution No. 2004-60**.

11. Development of a drought tolerant landscaping pilot program in the Panorama area and the retrofitting of City medians utilizing drought tolerant landscaping.

Brief report given by Deanna Pressgrove, Environmental Conservation Manager. This will be a pilot program, on a first come, first serve basis for matching funds of up to \$500 to replace lawn with drought tolerant or zero-scape landscaping in the front yards in the Panorama Neighborhood, we have \$50,000 from AB939 funds, no general funds to be used. Hopefully this will include rebates from CVWD.

Council Member England wanted to know how this program will be monitored. Ms. Pressgrove replied that photographs would be taken, we might monitor the run off water, and also we may be able to monitor water meters to see savings.

Council Member DeRosa wanted to know the percentage of change to drought tolerant and Ms. Pressgrove replied 50%, front yards, property closest to street.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis opened Public Comments.

Janet Malakowski – Cathedral City. Has a pilot program been active in any other city in the Coachella Valley? Ms. Pressgrove responded no, she found one program in Las Vegas. Council Member DeRosa advised the Palm Desert has a façade ordinance.

Bill Proctor – Cathedral City. Why not make it a city wide project, not just one certain area.

Jerry ? (name not audible on tape) Cathedral City. He doesn't see why it is limited to Panorama area only, put in a bid for his area!

Ron Sellin – Cathedral City. He is happy to hear about run off water. What about CVWD releasing water in Panorama Park. Maravilla prime spot for mesquitos.

Gene Touchett – Cathedral City. Mr. Touchett lives in the cove and he supports this program. This is a pilot program, and he stresses pilot. If it is successful than we can look to other areas of the city.

Council Member DeRosa asked about the median island project. Ms. Pressgrove replied that we would start with Date Palm medians. Maybe some of the neighborhood medians and side yards. For the residents, this will be a dollar for dollar match.

Council Member England moved approval of this project, motion seconded by Council Member Marchand, motion carried 4-0 **by Minute Order #3724.**

12. Request for approval of defined projects for the 2003 Jobs Housing Balance Grant.

Report by Bill Bayne, Interim City Engineer. Mr. Bayne gave details of the 2003 Jobs Housing Balance Grant. \$224,000 available based on types of housing we have used or developed. We need to allocate funds for projects, and we need to do this by June 30, we need to show the state that we have allocated the funds. The Parks and Recreation Committee prioritized potential projects as follows: 1st Priority – passive park in cove. 2nd Priority – extend sidewalk at Perez at the pedestrian bridge. 3rd Priority – install street lights at ends of the pedestrian bridge.

Council Member England asked how many people use the bridge. It was commented that some people are using the bridge to access their place of business. Mr. Bayne replied that hopefully, there might be a sandwich shop or small store in the future vs. the welding shop that is there now.

Council Member DeRosa asked how Parks and Recreation arrived at this Priority

list. She was concerned that they would recommend a passive park in the Cove when we have dire needs at the 2nd Street park, in a disadvantaged area. This is a place for disadvantaged kids to play. How did they arrive at selecting a passive park and not the 2nd Street park?

Mr. Bradley interjected that we need to demonstrate our ability to accomplish this grant.

Council Member Marchand asked if there wasn't some deal with CVWD to maintain the pocket park. The answer was NO, residents of the cove would be involved in the maintenance. Mr. Marchand wants to support the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendations

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis spoke in favor of the park in the cove, it is a positive thing for the cove. Drought tolerant landscaping will be installed, and there is no other park anywhere in the cove. He also agrees with the need for street lights by the pedestrian bridge, but has some concerns about the sidewalk at bridge, maybe in two or three years.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis opened the floor to Public Comments.

Gene Touchett – Cathedral City. Why are we not considering sidewalks on “B” street? When you cross the bridge you hit a gutter, he support sidewalks on other side of bridge to Perez..

Owen Krings – Cathedral City. Lighting up the bridge, this is added expense for city to light area that is not used after dark.

Janet Malakowski – Cathedral City. Ms. Malakowski says she is not familiar with the bridge, we must continue to think in terms of future growth. We need tax \$\$ to pay into general fund. Perhaps businesses right now are only open during daylight, but in the future this might change.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Pettis closed Public Comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis said that the majority of the Council wants to go ahead with the Cove Park. Total grant is \$224,000. These projects represent \$185,000. Delete side walks/street lights at bridge, we don't want to attract people to use it.

Mr. Bayne responded that he used item 1 and 6, will have \$60,000 in contingency, may need to spend a little more for the state to see that we are committed.

Council Member Marchand moved that we select Priority item1 the Cove Park, relook at the cost figures on that, and add item 6, direct the balance of the fund to contingency, and direct Parks and Recreation to make further recommendations. Motion seconded by Council Member England, motion carried 3-1 **by Minute Order # 3725.**

13. Date Palm/I-10 Interchange Interim Improvements; authority to purchase traffic signal poles, equipment and appurtenances for traffic signal installation and ramp widening.

Mr. Bayne, Interim City Engineer was available to answer questions. How much would this project cost the City. Mr. Bayne responded that these were CVAG funds in the amount of \$600,000 and there was no cost to the general fund. It takes 12-16 weeks to get this equipment, thus we are pre-ordering. It will take about three months to complete the ramp widening.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis opened the floor to Public Comments.

Janet Malakowski – Cathedral City. She wanted to say thank you, thank you. We need this and isn't it wonderful!

Council Member Marchand moved approval, motion seconded by Council Member England, motion carried 4-0 **by Minute Order # 3726.**

COUNCIL REPORTS ON CITIZEN INQUIRIES AND CONCERNS.

Council Member DeRosa asked about the street sweeping and that we needed a schedule. Mr. Bayne responded that we had some complaints about the job they were doing and they have come back to re-sweep and we were working on a schedule. Ms. DeRosa asked if we might post signs about street sweeping as a reminder to the public not to park on the street on these days? She also brought up the grading on Rosemont Avenue and the fact that this street will be connecting with Date Palm. She felt the residents there should be made aware of this fact.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. in memory of the U.S. and coalition forces casualties, now numbering over 800, in Iraq.

Pat Hammers
City Clerk